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SUBJ: CODEL SPARKMAN

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSED TENTATIVZ SCHEDULE FOR CODEL SPARKMAN VISIT TO KABUL AS DISCUSSED WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA).

2. SATURDAY, MARCH 29

1100 A.M. ARRIVAL KABUL AIRPORT. PARTY TO BE MET BY PRESIDENT DAOUD'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE ABDUL MAJID, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE PRESIDENT DEOUD ALSO HOLDS MFA PORTFOLIO), WAHEED ABDULLAH.

1110 A.M. DEPART AIRPORT VIA BUSSES FOR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

1200 NOON BUFFET LUNCHEON AND U.S. MISSION BRIEFING AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (FIVE MINUTES FROM INTERCON BY BUS).

3:00 P.M. BRIEFING AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (THREE MINUTES FROM RESIDENCE BY BUS) BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH.

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(IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR TWO CABINET

MINISTERS --PROBABLY THE MINISTER OF PLANNING
AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE--MAY ATTEND
THIS MEETING).

5:00 P.M. SUGGESTED:

SIGHTSEEING VISIT TO BALA HISSAR (KABUL
FORT RARELY SEEN BY FOREIGNERS)
OR
REST AND RELAXATION AT HOTEL (TOURIST SHOPS
AVAILABLE AT HOTEL).

8:00 P.M. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DINNER AT FOREIGN
MINISTRY, HOSTED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
WAHEED ABDULLAH.

3. SUNDAY, MARCH 30

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN 11:00 A.M. CALL ON THE HEAD OF
STATE, PRESIDENT DAOUD, SUNDAY IS FREE.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES AVAILABLE ARE: 6:00 A.M. INTER-
DENOMINATIONAL SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY
GARDEN; 9:30 A.M. ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL HOLY COMMUNION;
10:00 A.M. ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS. THERE IS AN 11:00 A.M.
INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO TAKE PART IN THE
OFFICIAL CALL.

4. SUNDAY NOON - 6:00 P.M. - FREE.

POSSIBLE EVENTS INCLUDE: SHOPPING; LUNCHEON IN THE CITY;
VISIT TO KABUL MUSEUM; PICNICS TO BAGHMAN (FORMERLY ROYAL)
GARDENS; OR TO NEARBY (30 MINUTE DRIVZ) ISTALIF VILLAGE
(POTTERY MAKING CENTER). AT 4:00 P.M. MEMBERS OF THE
CODEL ARE INVITED BY THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO WITNESS
THE SPECTACULAR NATIONAL SPORT "BUZKAZHI" (A SORT OF
RUGBY ON HORSEBACK).

5. AT 6:00 P.M. WE SUGGEST THAT MEMBERS OF CODEL ATTEND
AN INFORMAL RECEPTION BY THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ELIOT
AT THE INTERCON TO MEET PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND
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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF KABUL.

6. SUNDAY EVZNING WE PROPOSE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CODEL
TAKE PART IN SMALL INFORMAL DINNERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IN SOME CASES, THIS WOULD GIVE
SENATORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CONSTITUENTS IN KABUL.

7. MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 A.M. DEPART KABUL BY TOURIST BUSES.

10:00 A.M. ARRIVE SAROBI.

NOON ARRIVE JALALABAD. PICNIC AT PUBLIC GARDENS.

1:30 P.M. DEPART FOR TORKHAM (BORDER SETTLEMENT)

3:00 P.M. CROSS AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN BORDER AT
TORKHAM. (POSSIBLE CHANGE OF BUSES)

4:30 P.M. ARRIVE PESHAWAR.

8. INTECONTINENTAL HOTEL IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL
PICNIC LUNCHES WHEN NEEDED AS PART OF ITS SUPPORT FOR
CODEL.

9. WE ARE ASSMING THE CODEL WILL PAY FOR COSTS OF BUSES IN
KABUL AND FOR TRIP TO TORKHAM. INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS IN KABUL WILL BE ARRANGED IN COORDINATION WITH CONTROL
OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO EACH MEMBER OF CODEL. OBVIOUSLY,
VEHICLE RESOURCES OF MISSION WILL BE AVAILABLE AS APPROPRIATE
TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

10. IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY BRIEF STAY IN KABUL, IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL IF ONE MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF MET CODEL IN TASHKENT
AND TRAVELED FROM USSR TO KABUL. THIS WOULD GIVE EMBOFF
OPPORTUNITY TO DISTRIBUTE BRIEFING MATERIALS AND DISCUSS
LAST-MINUTE SCHEDULE PREFERENCES.

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11. WILL APPRECIATE CODEL/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS.

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